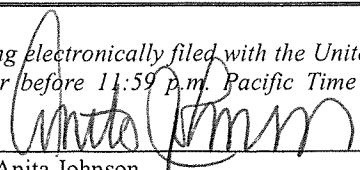


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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Application Number	: 10/618,033	Confirmation No. 4112
Filing Date	: July 11, 2003	
Inventor(s)	: Yaron Keidar	
Title	: TRANS-SEPTAL SHEATH WITH SPLITTING DILATING NEEDLE AND METHOD FOR ITS USE	
Group Art Unit	: 3734	
Examiner Name	: Erin L. Colello	
Docket No.	: <b>50572/W112</b>	Date: February 16, 2011

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**MAIL TO: Mail Stop RCE**

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

This application is **not** an application of the kind specified in 37 CFR § 1.114(e).

**1. THE STATUS OF THE APPLICATION IS AS FOLLOWS:**

- a.   X   Pending (no review proceedings active)
- (1)   X   An Action was mailed by the Office on September 16, 2010, as to which no appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed and
- X   a response under 37 CFR § 1.116 was filed on January 18, 2011
- via Express Mail
- X   with certificate of electronic transmission under 37 CFR § 1.8
- X   that Action was a Final Rejection, the finality of which is to be withdrawn by this Request
- an appeal or civil action under 35 U.S.C. 141,145 or 146 has been terminated
- (2)        Allowed: the Notice of Allowance was mailed by the Office on
- the Issue Fee has not been paid
- the Issue Fee has been paid **and** a petition under 37 CFR § 1.313 was granted on
- b.        Pending (with review proceeding active)
- An appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed. **Applicant(s) hereby withdraw that appeal and request reopening of the prosecution of the application.**

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2. SUBMISSION(S) REQUIRED (check at least one)

a. Previously submitted

- ☒ Consider the amendments/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on  
January 18, 2011
- ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal or Reply Brief previously filed on
- ☐ Other:

b. Enclosed

- ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Documents under 37 CFR § 1.48
- ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
- ☐ Other:

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
FEE CALCULATION SHEET**

**Application No. 10/618,033**

**PART I — BASIC FEE**

BASIC FEE	Small Entity \$405.00	Large Entity \$810.00	\$810.00
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**PART II — ADDITIONAL CLAIMS (compared to application before RCE)**

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims	17	*22	0	0 x \$26.00	0 x \$52.00	0
Independent Claims	2	**3	0	0 x \$110.00	0 x \$220.00	0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim				\$195.00	\$390.00	
TOTAL CLAIMS FEE						\$0
List Independent Claims: 25, 26						
* IF THE "HIGHEST NUMBER OF TOTAL CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR" IS LESS THAN 20, WRITE "20" IN THIS SPACE. ** IF THE HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN THIS SPACE.						

1. FEES *(The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)*
  - a. Amount (total from Fee Calculation Sheet)  
Please deduct \$810.00 from Deposit Account No. 03-1728.
  - b.   X   The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required for this transaction to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.